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City Attorney Casey Gwinn Invites Public To Informational Meetings on Legal Issues Surrounding Stadium Expansion

SAN DIEGO, CA (Fri., Jan. 17, 1997) ---- City Attorney Casey Gwinn will hold two public forums at the City Attorney's office next week to answer legal questions related to the stadium expansion. " The public needs to know what the legal issues are. These meetings will give people the opportunity to see the very same presentation I made to the Mayor and City Council this week in executive session, and to have their questions answered," said Gwinn.

The meetings will be held in the City Attorney's Office at 1200 Third Avenue in the Civic Center Plaza in downtown San Diego, 7th floor conference room. Interested members of the public should call 236-6220 to RSVP. The room holds approximately 100 people. The first meeting will be held at 10 am on Thursday, January 23, 1997. The second meeting will be held at 7 pm on Thursday, January 23. If there is more interest, additional meetings will be scheduled the following week.

Gwinn yesterday made the same one-half hour presentation to the San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board and is making himself available to other Editorial Boards and interested community groups to do the same.

"There has been so much misinformation out there. It is my desire to give the public an accurate portrayal and answer their questions, "said Gwinn.

There has never been such a public meeting held by the City Attorney to specifically inform the public on the complex legal issues faced by the Mayor and Council. "This is the first time, but it probably will not be the last. The City Attorney's office has been invisible to the public for years. It has allowed a tremendous amount of misunderstanding to exist about what the City Attorney does and does not do for the City. We need to change that," said Gwinn.